

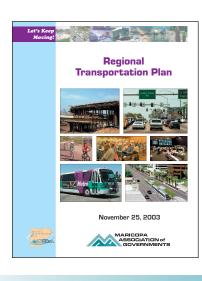
## The Plan

Working with business leaders and utilizing input from the community, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Maricopa Association of Governments developed the Regional Transportation Plan.

The 22-member committee included representatives from cities and towns across the region, the business community, the Arizona Department of Transportation, Maricopa County, the freight industry, transit, and the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee.

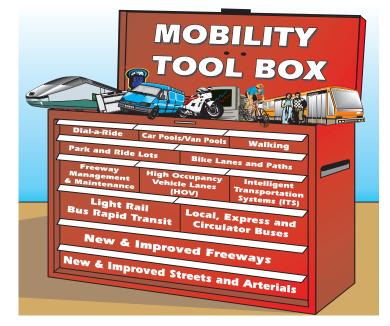
The Plan lays out 20 years of transportation improvements, including:

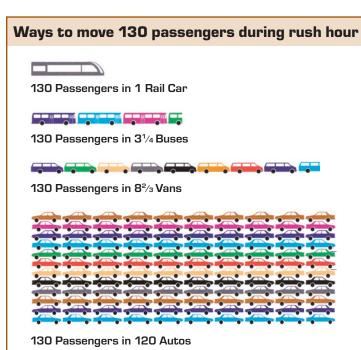
- 344 miles of new and improved freeways and highways.
- More transportation choices across all transportation types.
- Improved streets and intersections to help relieve congestion.
- Nearly 28 miles of extensions to the planned light rail system.
- More bus service, more often.
- Safety planning, computerized freeway management, litter control, and landscaping.
- Rubberized asphalt and noise walls for quieter neighborhoods.



## The Tools

Each area of the Valley has unique transportation challenges. The Plan includes a variety of transportation tools.



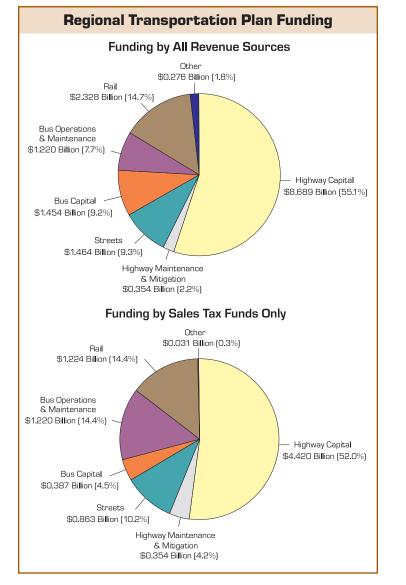


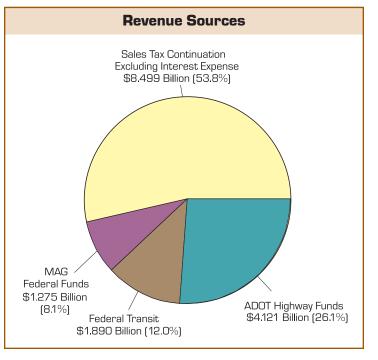
**Sources:** Valley Metro Rail, Inc., Regional Public Transportation Authority, 2003 Maricopa Regional Household Travel Survey.



## What Will It Cost?

- The Regional Transportation Plan includes nearly \$16 billion of projects over the next 20 years. More than half of the funding in the Plan would come from the continuation of the half-cent sales tax for transportation, if approved by voters.
- The current half-cent sales tax for transportation expires in 2005. If voters choose to extend the halfcent sales tax, it would continue for another 20 years.
- The Regional Transportation Plan would be funded through the proposed sales tax continuation, federal funds and local funds.





# Accountability

The Plan includes safeguards to keep it accountable. For example:

- Funding for freeways, streets and transit will be kept separate so funds can't be moved from one account to another.
- Projects will be analyzed through an independent audit every five years to evaluate performance.
- A "Life Cycle" program will keep revenues and expenditures in balance.
- Major changes will require public review and must undergo a strict amendment process.
- The Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee will monitor the Plan.

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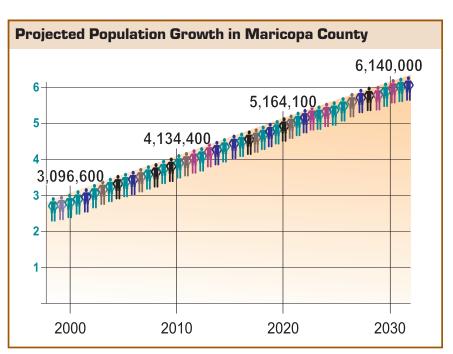
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# New Regional Transportation Plan to Guide Transportation for 20 Years

## **Background**

- The Valley's population is expected to double by 2030.
- In a recent survey, Maricopa County voters ranked transportation as one of the most important problems facing the region.
- A safe and efficient transportation system moves people and goods, and attracts high-quality workers and businesses.

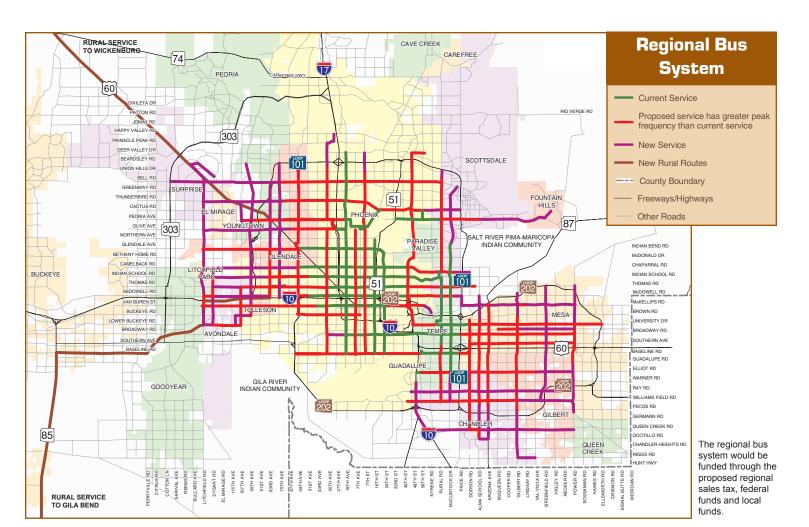


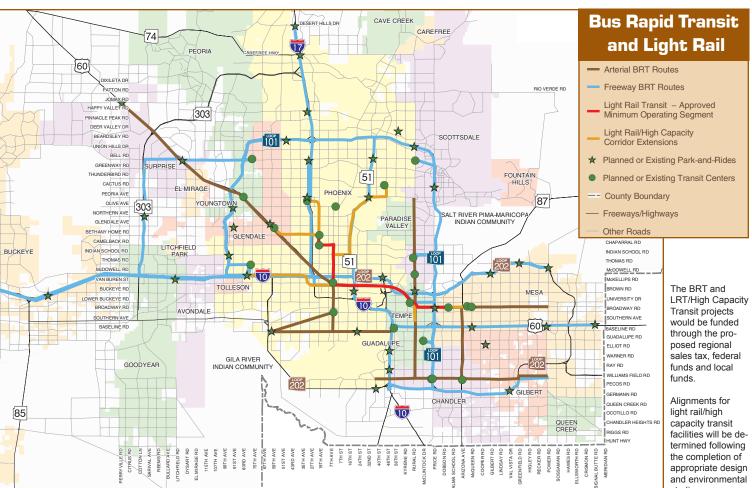
How will the six million people projected to live in the Valley in 2030 get to where they live, work and play? What alternatives will be available?

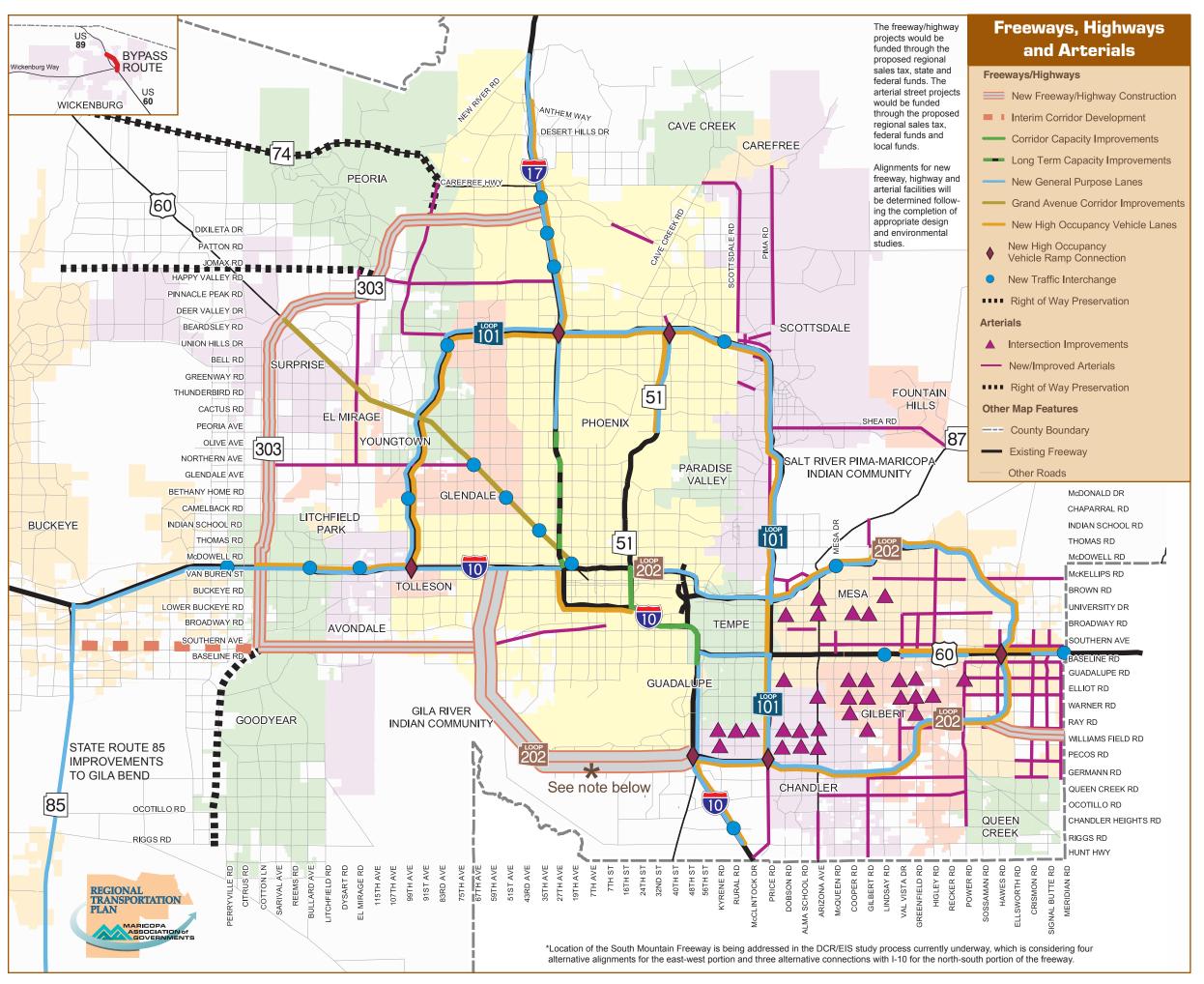
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# What's in the Plan?

## Freeways & Highways

#### 57% of total regional funds.

- Additional lanes on Loop 101, Loop 202,
- I-10, I-17, SR 51 and US 60.
- New freeways, including Loop 303, the I-10 Reliever, Williams Gateway Parkway and the South Mountain Loop.
- New or improved traffic interchanges.
- New carpool (HOV) lanes.
- Grand Avenue improvements.
- Rubberized asphalt to reduce freeway noise.
- Computerized Freeway Management System.
- Maintenance (litter control and landscaping).





## **Regional Transit**

**32% of regional funds** (15% bus, 15% rail, 2% other).

- New or enhanced bus service on 28 routes, plus the creation of 12 new routes.
- Improvements to express/bus rapid transit service, including 14 new routes.
- 27.7 miles of new light rail extensions.
- Tripling of ADA Dial-a-Ride services.
- Tripling of Vanpool services.
- 13 park-and-ride lots and 13 transit centers.
- More than 2,100 new buses and 1,000 new
- Dial-a-Ride vehicles.More bus pullouts.

#### Street Improvements

#### 9% of total regional funds.

- Upgrade Northern Avenue to a parkway. Construct new Rio Salado Parkway and Sonoran Parkway.
- Major street and intersection improvements across the Valley.
- Intelligent Transportation Systems, such as "smart" signals that sense traffic conditions.

### Other Programs

#### 2% of total regional funds.

- Safety planning.
- Bicycle projects.
- Pedestrian facilities.
- Regional planning programs.
- Rideshare and other programs to address federal air quality requirements.



